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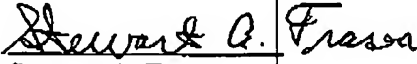
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2006, applicant elects claims 1-19 which correspond to Group I, species B. The claim in Group II, which includes only claim 15, is withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner in the prosecution of this application. The election is made without traverse. Applicant notes that claims 20-26, 29 and 30 are considered, by the examiner, to be generic.

  
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